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TAGS: CVIS, CGEN, PINS, BU (COLLINS, EMILIA MATEEVA)

SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES - COLLINS CASE

REF: A) PARIS 4472; B) SOFIA 0275

1. BULGARIANS HAVE YET TO PROVIDE ANY RATIONALE AT ALL FOR THEIR UNCONSCIONABLE DELAYS IN THE COLLINS CASE OR THEIR FAILURE TO REPLY TO OUR SEVERAL REPRESENTATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE DOUBT GOB WOULD SEE A NEED TO RESORT TO TRAPPING MRS. COLLINS INTO WORKING ON A "SECURITY-RELATED PROJECT" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SOME SORT OF JUSTIFICATION. FACT THAT MRS. COLLINS HAS NOT WORKED AT ALL SINCE OCTOBER ISNUELL ESTABLISHED. WERE SHE TO TAKE EMPLOYMENT NOW, NATURE OF THAT EMPLOYMENT COULD HARDLY JUSTIFY THEIR MUCH EARLIER WITHDRAWAL OF PASSPORT. IN MOST PAST CASES, GOB HAS PROVIDED NO JUSTIFICATION AT ALL FOR REFUSAL TO ISSUE DOCUMENTATION. WHILE WE CANNOT BE SURE OF GOB INTENTIONS, WE SUGGEST MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS FOR MR. COLLINS' RECOMMENDATIONS TO HIS WIFE PROBABLY SHOULD BE HER FINANCIAL SITUATION AND MORALE.

2. AS REPORTED REF B, AMBASSADOR BROUGHT UP COLLINS CASE WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZAKHARIEVA FEBRUARY 6. TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. THIS RAISES THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION OF WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN. WE

RECOMMEND THAT IF NO ANSWER HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE END  
OF THIS MONTH, AMBASSADOR POPOV BE SUMMONED BY A  
SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICER. WE WILL  
SUPPLY TALKING POINTS.  
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